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State Energy Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Workshops

Engagements and Convenings

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Welcome

Synopsis of Workshop 2

- **Prompt One:** *What types of engagements and/or convenings will you need to meet your state goals and implement projects?*
 - **Northeast** (5): Every option chosen, with a preference for regional convenings (3), as well as in-person trainings/workshops (2) and cohorts of peers to understand a range of issues and best practices (2).
 - **Mid-Atlantic** (6): Cohorts of peers to understand a range of issues and share best practices was the most popular (5), second preference being virtual trainings/workshops (4).
 - **Southeast** (2): Cohorts of peers (1), national convenings (1), regional convenings (1), and virtual trainings/workshops (1) had equal preference.
 - **Midwest** (6): All options chosen, with a preference for in-person conferences (3) and cohorts of peers (3).
 - **Central** (3): Cohorts of peers (1), national convenings (1), in-person conferences (1), and virtual trainings/workshops (1) had equal preference.
 - **West** (6): Cohorts of peers to understand a range of issues (5); virtual trainings/workshops (4); in-person trainings/workshops (4); convenings by region (3); in person conferences (1).

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- **Prompt Two:** *What are some examples of successful past engagements and convenings? What made them impactful?*
 - **Northeast:** SEP Training Forums that help states learn from one another have been very helpful; talking to other states at NASEO conferences is helpful – would be nice if that was a bigger focus.
 - **Mid-Atlantic:** Bi-weekly NASEO regional convenings. CESA state cohorts and convenings for issues faced by other states (e.g., federal requirements), and discussions on how to tackle them. TAG groups.
 - **Southeast:** National and regional NASEO convenings are effective; additional convenings may be difficult to participate in. Both virtual (webinars) and face-to-face convenings are helpful, depending on the topic. Written guidance (PDFs) is also helpful.
 - **Midwest:** Incorporation into NASEO meetings or other conferences is a good way to connect; state-to-state engagement has been the most helpful.
 - **Central:** Training for time-sensitive requirements/deadlines when states are struggling with submissions.
 - **West:** "We have had success with public webinars to get feedback on program design." Another proven practice has been going to different parts of our state (for in-person matters). "NASEO's Energy Security Conference was helpful."

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- **Prompt Three:** *What organizations have you successfully worked with in the past and who would you prefer to work with going forward?*
 - **Northeast:** NASEO
 - **Mid-Atlantic:** NASEO, CESA
 - **Southeast:** NASEO (coordinate with existing convenings); DOE SEP trainings (utilize existing training, next one is in 2024)
 - **Midwest:** NASEO, other SEOs
 - **Central:** Groups that combine environmental and industry expertise (e.g., Clean Air Taskforce, Great Plains Institute)
 - **West:** NASEO, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

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- **Prompt Four:** *What are some desired outputs from engagements and/or convenings (e.g., preparedness to use a new or existing tool like SLOPE)?*
 - **Northeast:** No response
 - **Mid-Atlantic:** States need to figure out what can be done with the tools provided by DOE to allow them to leverage and navigate resources and achieve the outcomes that they want to see.
 - **Southeast:** Shared learning/case studies from other states. Resources for onboarding SEO personnel.
 - **Midwest:** Networking and local outcomes of initiatives (e.g., clean vehicles).
 - **Central:** Best practices; higher level of granularity/detail from DOE TA.
 - **West:** Federal requirements and reporting guidance - confidence that we're covering all our bases (e.g., a compliance checklist, a "one stop shop" resource for Federal requirements). Webinar materials we can share with sub-awardees. Insights and trainings on EIA data and resources, mapping tools, examples of applications, etc.

Synopsis of Workshop 1

- **Prompt Five:** *How many engagements and/or convenings would states reasonably expect to participate in per year? What would be priority issues that you would like to engage on in the next year?*
 - **Northeast:** One per quarter is manageable, though it depends on the format (e.g., virtual vs. in-person). NASEO conferences twice a year are doable, though remote participation would be easier. TA convenings on federal requirements would be helpful – need support to get funding out efficiently and effectively.
 - **Mid-Atlantic:** States are at capacity so frequency of convenings depends on the nature of a convening. Information dense but one-day workshops are approachable. Priority issues include workforce, but states want flexibility to request certain focus topics and get quick responses (+ meet with states with the same interest). Occasional in person gatherings to debrief TA may also be helpful.
 - **Southeast:** Understanding non-energy compliance requirements (Title XI, NEPA, BABA, DBA).

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 - **Midwest:** 10-15 is reasonable as an office. Priority issues include compliance, capacity, grid, vehicle technologies, bio-digestion, energy security, energy efficiency, and renewable energy resources.
 - **Central:** Quarterly engagements at a minimum. Requirements compliance (DBA, BABA, income eligibility) and continual basic support - especially for new requirements. Program marketing information would be helpful.
 - **West:** One per year in-person; a monthly cadence works better for virtual meetings. Hard for some states (e.g., Alaska) to justify frequent travel especially if the meetings are only one day. When convening, cover lots of topics so that time is used effectively.

Feedback

Closing

- The next workshop is on September 21, 2023.
- Your input is invaluable. Starting this month, we will be hosting office hours to gather additional TA feedback. We strongly encourage attendees to provide written feedback on prompts to your SEP Project Officer, erin.taylor@hq.doe.gov and/or monica.andrews@hq.doe.gov.

Thank You!



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